



STOCKBRIDGE

Berkshire County



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NARRATIVE

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Stockbridge, a lovely village located in the Berkshire hills of western Massachusetts, is peacefully situated in a beautiful interval between the mountains and the Housatonic River. The town has grown from an Indian mission to a quiet village of wealth and gracious living to a resort town with the most famous Main Street in America as painted by Norman Rockwell. Stockbridge is known for its beautiful natural vistas, for its small town ambience, its historic houses, and cultural attractions. Historic houses open to the public include the Merwin House, the Mission House and Naumkeag. Cultural attractions are Chesterwood Museum and studio of Daniel Chester French, sculptor of "The Minute Man" and the Lincoln Memorial; the new Rockwell museum, the Berkshire Botanical Gardens and Tanglewood, the summer home of the Boston Symphony Orchestra. The oldest village improvement society in the United States, the Laurel Hill Association, was founded and still exists in Stockbridge. Today, in the face of rapid change and development, people look nostalgically to a way of life that is rapidly disappearing. Many have found that a unique core of integrity, characteristic of small towns, can still be found in Stockbridge.

(Narrative supplied by community)



GEOGRAPHY

Location

Western Massachusetts, bordered by West Stockbridge on the west, Richmond and Lenox on the north, Lenox and Lee on the east, and Great Barrington on the south. Stockbridge is about 12 miles south of Pittsfield; 49 miles west of Springfield; 135 miles west of Boston; 50 miles from Albany, New York; and 130 miles from New York City.

Total Area: 23.71 sq. miles

Land Area: 22.94 sq. miles

Population: 2,408

Density: 105 per sq. mile

Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Great Barrington Station)

Normal temperature in January.....20.1°F

Normal temperature in July.....68.1°F

Normal annual precipitation.....44.8"

U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Stockbridge

Regional Planning Agency

Berkshire County

Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

Pittsfield



GOVERNMENT

Municipal Offices

Main Number: (413) 298-4714

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Form of Government

Board of Selectmen

Open Town Meeting

Year Incorporated

As a town: 1739

Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

	Number	%	
Total Registered	1,490		
Democrats	527	35.4	%
Republicans	276	18.5	%
Other parties	0	0.0	%
Unenrolled Voters	687	46.1	%

Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



DEMOGRAPHICS

Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000

Geographic Area: Stockbridge town, Berkshire County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	2,276	100.0	HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
SEX AND AGE			Total population.....	2,276	100.0
Male.....	1,086	47.7	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	66	2.9
Female.....	1,190	52.3	Mexican.....	12	0.5
Under 5 years.....	75	3.3	Puerto Rican.....	10	0.4
5 to 9 years.....	112	4.9	Cuban.....	4	0.2
10 to 14 years.....	98	4.3	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	40	1.8
15 to 19 years.....	128	5.6	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	2,210	97.1
20 to 24 years.....	78	3.4	White alone.....	2,161	94.9
25 to 34 years.....	203	8.9	RELATIONSHIP		
35 to 44 years.....	308	13.5	Total population.....	2,276	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	437	19.2	In households.....	2,042	89.7
55 to 59 years.....	184	8.1	Householder.....	991	43.5
60 to 64 years.....	141	6.2	Spouse.....	470	20.7
65 to 74 years.....	240	10.5	Child.....	424	18.6
75 to 84 years.....	218	9.6	Own child under 18 years.....	320	14.1
85 years and over.....	54	2.4	Other relatives.....	56	2.5
Median age (years).....	48.6	(X)	Under 18 years.....	12	0.5
18 years and over.....	1,929	84.8	Nonrelatives.....	101	4.4
Male.....	900	39.5	Unmarried partner.....	42	1.8
Female.....	1,029	45.2	In group quarters.....	234	10.3
21 years and over.....	1,841	80.9	Institutionalized population.....	46	2.0
62 years and over.....	596	26.2	Noninstitutionalized population.....	188	8.3
65 years and over.....	512	22.5	HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE		
Male.....	228	10.0	Total households.....	991	100.0
Female.....	284	12.5	Family households (families).....	568	57.3
RACE			With own children under 18 years.....	187	18.9
One race.....	2,268	99.6	Married-couple family.....	470	47.4
White.....	2,206	96.9	With own children under 18 years.....	144	14.5
Black or African American.....	28	1.2	Female householder, no husband present.....	68	6.9
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	1	-	With own children under 18 years.....	31	3.1
Asian.....	10	0.4	Nonfamily households.....	423	42.7
Asian Indian.....	2	0.1	Householder living alone.....	364	36.7
Chinese.....	2	0.1	Householder 65 years and over.....	150	15.1
Filipino.....	2	0.1	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	199	20.1
Japanese.....	1	-	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	359	36.2
Korean.....	3	0.1	Average household size.....	2.06	(X)
Vietnamese.....	-	-	Average family size.....	2.67	(X)
Other Asian ¹	-	-	HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	1	-	Total housing units.....	1,571	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	-	-	Occupied housing units.....	991	63.1
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	-	-	Vacant housing units.....	580	36.9
Samoa.....	-	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander ²	1	-	occasional use.....	505	32.1
Some other race.....	22	1.0	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	2.2	(X)
Two or more races.....	8	0.4	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	6.4	(X)
<i>Race alone or in combination with one</i>			HOUSING TENURE		
<i>or more other races:³</i>			Occupied housing units.....	991	100.0
White.....	2,213	97.2	Owner-occupied housing units.....	670	67.6
Black or African American.....	31	1.4	Renter-occupied housing units.....	321	32.4
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	2	0.1	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	2.22	(X)
Asian.....	13	0.6	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	1.74	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	1	-			
Some other race.....	24	1.1			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

¹ Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

² Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

³ In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

Home Sales (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

Subsidized Housing Units (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

Public Housing Units (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State: 61

Conventional Federal: 0

Rental Assistance(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP: 0

Federal (Section 8): 41



TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

Stockbridge is situated in Berkshire County, a region of hills and low mountains that widen to create the Berkshire Valley in the south. The major cities and towns are linked together by U.S. Route 7. North Adams and Pittsfield are major points of entry for rail freight into Massachusetts, and the region has several commercial airports.

Major Highways

Principal highways are U.S Route 7 running N-S through the Berkshires and the Massachusetts Turnpike (Interstate Route 90), passes through the town and is easily accessible at the interchange in West Stockbridge.

Rail

Freight service is available from the Housatonic Railroad. Contact number: (203) 824-0850

Bus

Stockbridge is a member of the Berkshire Regional Transit Authority (BRTA), which provides fixed route service to Great Barrington, Lee, Lenox, and Pittsfield. User side paratransit services are available for the elderly and disabled. Bonanza Bus Lines, Inc. provides service between Albany, Pittsfield and New York City.

Other

The Great Barrington Airport, a General Aviation (GA) facility, is easily accessible. It has a 2,579'x 50' asphalt runway. Instrument approaches available: Non-precision.



CULTURE AND RECREATION

LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

MUSEUMS

(American Association of Museums)

Berkshire Botanical Garden
5 W. Stockbridge Road, Rte. 102 & Rte 183
(413) 298-3926
Chesterwood
4 Williamsville Road, off Rte. 183 Glendale Sect.
(413) 298-3579
Historical Room, Stockbridge Library
Corner of Main and Elm Streets
(413) 298-5501
Merwin House, Tranquility
14 Main Street
(413) 298-4703
The Mission House
Main Street
(413) 298-3239
Naumkeag
Prospect Hill
(413) 298-3239
The Norman Rockwell Museum at Stockbridge
Route 183
(413) 298-3822

RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Recreational Facilities (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



MISCELLANEOUS

HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

Hospitals

None

Long Term Care

None

Hospices

None

Rest Homes

None

UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)

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